(c) Development of National Expressway network is estimated to cost around $25 billion. Pending amendment of NH Act, it is too early to indicate the quantum of foreign investments likely to flow during 1995-96.

(d) Yes, Sir. World Bank have offered comments on the draft Policy paper and suggested that India should start small with bridges and urban bypasses and expressways of demonstrably high priority in the beginning.

महत्वपूर्ण शहरों को एक्सप्रेस मार्गों से जोड़ने की योजना

577. **श्री आस मोहम्मद** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के महत्वपूर्ण शहरों को एक्सप्रेस मार्गों से जोड़ने की कोई योजना बनाई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार इसको कब तक लागू करने का विचार रखती है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर (क) से (ग) सरकार ने महत्वपूर्ण शहरों को एक्सप्रेस मार्गों के माध्यम से आपस में जोड़ने के बारे में अभी तक कोई योजना तैयार नहीं की है। तथापि, सरकार ने कतिपय मार्गों का पता लगाया है जिन्हें एक्सप्रेस मार्गों के समान विकसित किया जाना है। आवश्यकता के अनुसार वर्ष 2015 तक 10,000 कि.मी. एक्सप्रेस मार्गों को चरणबद्ध रूप में विकसित किया जाना है।

Acquisition of land for Development of National Highways

578. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new National Highways or extension of the existing National Highways on which work was taken up during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the land acquired for the above purpose; and

(c) the cost of acquisition of land and of extension of the highway development works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) No new work was taken up and no land acqusition has been sanctioned during the last one year for new National Highways or extension of the existing National Highways declared during the eighth Five Year Plan.

Conversion of petrol ambassador cars into diesel cars

579. DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion of Petrol driven Ambassador cars into Diesel cars is not allowed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this;

(c) when will this prohibition be lifted and conversion of petrol driven Ambassador cars into diesel cars allowed:

(d) whether it is a fact that such conversion is not allowed only because of pressure from a particular manufacturers lobby; and

(e) whether Government are aware that thousands of petrol cars are converted into diesel cars every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. As stipulated in